

May 11, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 11, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. at the Rockingham County Administration Center, Harrisonburg, Virginia. The following members were present:

PABLO CUEVAS, Election District #1
CHARLES W. AHREND, Election District #2
DEE E. FLOYD, Election District #3
WILLIAM B. KYGER, JR., Election District #4
MICHAEL A. BREEDEN, Election District #5

Also present:

JOSEPH S. PAXTON, County Administrator
G. CHRIS BROWN, County Attorney
STEPHEN G. KING, Deputy County Administrator
JAMES L. ALLMENDINGER, Director of Finance
WENDELL J. EBERLY, Director of Recreation and Facilities
FRANKLIN P. O'BYRNE, Director of Information Systems
WILLIAM L. VAUGHN, Director of Community Development
ROBERT A. SYMONS, Fire and Rescue Chief
DOTTIE L. BOWEN, Deputy Clerk
DONALD F. KOMARA, Resident Engineer
Virginia Department of Transportation

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CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
INVOCATION.

Chairman Cuevas called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

County Attorney Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Administrator Paxton gave the Invocation.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On motion by Supervisor Kyger, seconded by Supervisor Floyd and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as

follows: AHREND - AYE; BREEDEN - AYE; CUEVAS - AYE; FLOYD - AYE; KYGER - AYE; with the word "vehicles" inserted on page 2, the Board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 27, 2005.

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RESOLUTION NO. 05-14 HONORING SPOTSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM.

On motion by Supervisor Breeden, seconded by Supervisor Floyd and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: AHREND - AYE; BREEDEN - AYE; CUEVAS - AYE; FLOYD - AYE; KYGER - AYE; the Board adopted the following Resolution No. 05-14, honoring 2005 Group AA Girls State Basketball Champions - Spotswood High School Girls Basketball Team, and presented a copy to their Coach, Chris Dodson.

**RESOLUTION
SPOTSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM**

WHEREAS, the Spotswood High School Girls Basketball Team has brought great honor and esteem to its school and community as the Valley District Region II and State Champions; and

WHEREAS, the Spotswood High School Girls Basketball Team, under the tutelage of its Coach, Mr. Chris Dodson, defeated Lord Botetourt High School 52 to 45 on March 12, 2005, to win the Virginia State Group AA Championship; and

WHEREAS, this was the first State championship to be won by the Spotswood High School Girls Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary sportsmanship and teamwork has been commended by the opposing coaches, the media and fans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rockingham County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the Spotswood High School Girls Basketball Team and its manager for the exemplary skill they have displayed in their accomplishments and calls upon the citizens of this community to join the Board in congratulating this outstanding group of young citizens.

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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT.

The Board heard Mr. Komara's report on the activities of the Transportation Department.

Supervisor Kyger expressed concern about improvements to Route 257 in Bridgewater where significant commercial

development is taking place. Mr. Komara said he would speak with Bridgewater officials concerning this matter.

Supervisor Floyd asked that the speed limit on Route 704, off Port Republic Road, be lowered.

Supervisor Breeden advised that a resident on Bloomer Springs Road was interested in improvements to that road.

Mr. Paxton noted that two accidents recently occurred on the same day at the intersections of Route 42 and Trissels Road. Mr. Komara will look at that intersection to see if changes are warranted.

Mr. Paxton said that he had received questions as to whether traffic volumes on Route 33 dictate the speed limit. Mr. Komara advised that a number of factors, including traffic volumes, go into that decision. He stated that VDOT would be considering the matter as development increases in that area.

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SHENANDOAH VALLEY HISTORICAL BATTLEFIELD FOUNDATION.

The Board heard a report concerning the activities of the Shenandoah Valley Historical Battlefield Foundation by Howard Kittell, Executive Director. On motion by Supervisor Kyger, seconded by Supervisor Floyd and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: AHREND - AYE; BREEDEN - AYE; CUEVAS - AYE; FLOYD - AYE; KYGER - AYE; the Board authorized the County Administrator to send a letter in support of the Foundation's federal funding request

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HARRISONBURG-ROCKINGHAM CORE HOUSING ALLIANCE.

The Board heard the following presentation by Gayl Brunk concerning the activities of the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Core Housing Alliance.

"Good Afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today about the Harrisonburg Rockingham Core Housing Alliance Continuum of Care. Many of you know me as 'Gayle with VAIL,' Valley Associates for Independent Living and several of you have attended our annual community leaders luncheon held every fall. As a Center for Independent Living serving those in our community with disabilities, we are involved in an array of areas, housing being one of those areas. The Core Housing Alliance has been meeting for the past two years to evaluate housing needs in Harrisonburg Rockingham County. The mission of the Alliance is "Empowering the community to create affordable housing opportunities for those with need." This Alliance

is comprised of various Social Service agencies, housing providers, and the Alliance is looking to secure involvement from our community leaders to assist in shaping the goals of the group, direction, and effective means to address the gaps in housing. The vision of the Alliance is: Harrisonburg Rockingham Core Housing Alliance Continuum of Care assists individuals who are disabled, elderly, economically distressed, immigrant, transitional, in blighted neighborhoods acquire accessible, safe, sanitary, least restrictive and affordable housing. In reviewing Rockingham County's Comprehensive Plan for 2020 and beyond, I see where 7.1.4 states continue to participate with the Harrisonburg Redevelopment Housing Authority to encourage home ownership by providing affordable housing for county residents. Also 6.3.3 promotes development of below-median-value-housing and multi-family and mixed use developments, and 7.1.3 states explore incentives to developers to include affordable units in their developments. I would welcome and encourage your involvement in the Continuum of Care to assist in shaping how the Alliance achieves its mission and vision. Several years ago, HUD began assisting communities in counting the homeless by providing funds and technical assistance in the development of the HMIS (Homeless Management Information Systems) database system. Nationally, this extensive database is being collected and developed through coordinated HMIS. HUD is strongly encouraging all communities to utilize the HMIS system in order to receive additional grant funding through their Continuum of Care grants. For the past two years the Alliance has completed a "Point in Time Count of the Homeless in our community. This data is being utilized in applying for grants for housing for individuals who are homeless. HUD has selected the Harrisonburg-Rockingham HMIS program for funding and awarded the Community Resource Center/JMU \$42,000 for the implementation of this. The Alliance is applying for another grant to secure funding for three years for the continued implementation and management of the HMIS. The Alliance would greatly appreciate the County Board of Supervisors support in the form of a support letter of this grant application, which is due the beginning of June. Thank you for the opportunity to come today and talk with you briefly about the Alliance and if you have questions, I'll do my best to answer them."

In regard to the request for a letter of support for the Alliance application for HMIS funding, Chairman Cuevas suggested that the request be deferred to the next meeting in order for staff to investigate the long-range impact of such funding.

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BLUE RIDGE DISABILITIES BOARD.

The Board heard the following presentation concerning the activities of the Blue Ridge Disabilities Board by Marie Overstreet.

"Good afternoon. My name is Marie Overstreet. I am the Chairman of the Blue Ridge Disability Services Board. I want to thank you on behalf of the Board for inviting me to speak this afternoon. I have given your secretary a copy of what I am going to speak on. The Blue Ridge Disability Services Board serves four areas: Harrisonburg Rockingham County, Staunton and Augusta County. We advocate for adults with physical and sensory disabilities. Last year we implemented a toll free number for people to call from within Augusta County, Staunton and Waynesboro. This is a new service for our Board. The cost of our toll free number and local telephone service is about \$1,300 for one year. We receive an average of 30 to 60 calls per month from people who need assistance, organizations who are interested in speaking to our group or need help in getting grants. The purpose of our Board is to increase awareness and understanding of people with physical and sensory disabilities, seek to establish or expand local service options using the RSIF grant provide input to state and local agencies on service needs and priorities. We provide information and resource referral information to local governments regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act and provide such other assistance as may be requested. We give ADA awards to businesses, recreational areas and housing developments that do more than what is required by the ADA. We write to businesses that we think can benefit from updating their facilities to accompany the handicapped. About 50 percent of the population over the age of 65 has some hope of a physical or sensory limitation. Some as simple as wearing glasses, hearing aids or arthritis in their hands or knees. As we get older, the percentage goes higher. This means we need more services for the elderly. We also serve young people who are disabled because of accidents. We are seeing more of this as medical services are being improved and save more lives. Our Board is well aware of these needs as more senior citizens are retiring in our community. Our resources for the Board come from the Commonwealth, Rockingham County and Augusta County. The Commonwealth pays all the expenses for our staff support person and gives us \$500 toward office expenses for one year. Rockingham County gives us \$3,000 per year. Augusta County gives us \$1,000 per year. Our expenses are: telephone \$1,300, matching grant funds \$1,660, transportation, insurance, advertising, telephone books, office supplies make up the difference which comes to \$4,500 for one year. We want to thank Rockingham County for their generous past support and help you will continue to fund us in the future; as we believe we are providing a necessary and essential service to many people. Thank you for letting me speak to you. If you have any questions, I will be happy to try and answer them."

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mr. Paxton's staff report dated May 6, 2005, including information concerning

a recent meeting on animal waste, sewer services to Dynamic Aviation, building inspections in the Town of Bridgewater (to be assumed by the County on July 1), the Lakewood project, VDOT projects, and action needed to declare Ray Breeden's service weapon as surplus.

On motion by Supervisor Breeden, seconded by Supervisor Ahrend and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: AHREND - AYE; BREEDEN - AYE; CUEVAS - AYE; FLOYD - AYE; KYGER - AYE; the Board declared as surplus the service weapon presented to Captain Ray Breeden at the last meeting - Glock Model 27 caliber weapon, Serial #FSF921.

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DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S STAFF REPORT.

Mr. King pointed out to the Board the new format for staff reports which has been developed in anticipation of future electronic formatting of agenda materials.

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Ms. Hoover's staff report dated May 5, 2005, including information concerning Countryside water system (substantially complete); Penn Laird Drive and Water Tower Road sewer (40 percent complete); Lakewood/Massanetta Springs pump station, Spotswood High School water tank and waterline extension (contractor working on final punch list), McGaheysville WWTP (delayed by new proposed DEQ regulations), City of Harrisonburg Waste-to-Energy Plant (assumption is facility will operate at 80 percent efficiency, 80 percent of the time), Phase III expansion of the landfill (design and permitting phase), Grassy Creek Tank (site work underway), and water production historical trends at Three Springs Water Filtration plant.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mr. Vaughn's staff report dated May 5, 2005, including information concerning Planning Commission activities, annual Comprehensive Plan

review (Planning Commission will proceed to public hearing on June 7), tabled requests, and upcoming requests.

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INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mr. O'Byrne's staff report dated May 5, 2005, including information concerning projects and equipment.

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FIRE & RESCUE DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Chief Symons' staff report dated May 5, 2005, including information concerning personnel, training, Prevention Division activities, public education, requests for Board action on Homeland Security funds and federal grant for Singers Glen Volunteer Fire Department.

On motion by Supervisor Kyger, seconded by Supervisor Breeden and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: AHREND - AYE; BREEDEN - AYE; CUEVAS - AYE; FLOYD - AYE; KYGER - AYE; the Board adopted the following Resolution No. 05-15 agreeing that National Incident Management System (NIMS) was established as the County standard for incident management.

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING
THE NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Rockingham, Virginia, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, and local governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity;

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, and local homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, and local emergency agencies and personnel

coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management;

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that Federal, State, and local organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters;

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the county's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes,

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various county incident management activities, including current emergency management training programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Rockingham, Virginia, that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) is established as the County standard for incident management.

On motion by Supervisor Kyger, seconded by Supervisor Breeden and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: AHREND - AYE; BREEDEN - AYE; CUEVAS - AYE; FLOYD - AYE; KYGER - AYE; the Board appointed the County Administrator as the designated agent for the allocation of Virginia Department of Emergency Management 2005 State Homeland Security Program funds.

On motion by Supervisor Kyger, seconded by Supervisor Breeden and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: AHREND - AYE; BREEDEN - AYE; CUEVAS - AYE; FLOYD - AYE; KYGER - AYE; the Board agreed to allocate the 2005 State Homeland Security Program funds, total of \$73,988, on per capita basis, to the six incorporated towns.

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RECREATION & FACILITIES DIRECTOR'S STAFF REPORT.

The Board received and reviewed Mr. Eberly's staff report dated May 5, 2005, including information concerning Plains District Community Center, District Courts renovation, Court House repairs needed, Recreation programs and Kids' Trout Fishing Day.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS FOR 2005.

On motion by Supervisor Breeden, seconded by Supervisor Kyger and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: AHREND - AYE; BREEDEN - AYE; CUEVAS - AYE; FLOYD - AYE; KYGER - AYE; the Board nominated the following for appointment by the Circuit Court to the Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments for 2005: Brisco Dellinger, Andrew H. Yancey, Jon D. Ritenour, Lowell A. Miller, and Jackson M. Raines.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The Board heard Committee Reports by Board members and staff.

On motion by Supervisor Breeden, seconded by Supervisor Kyger and carried by a vote of 5 to 0, voting recorded as follows: AHREND - AYE; BREEDEN - AYE; CUEVAS - AYE; FLOYD - AYE; KYGER - AYE; as recommended by the Finance Committee, the Board:

Approved a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$8,500, as requested by the Director of Recreation and Facilities, for the repair of a boiler in the Court House. The expenses were not budgeted and will be provided from the General Fund Reserve.

\$8,500 GL Code: 001-04304-000-3301-000 (Repairs and Maintenance)

Approved a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$117,705, as requested by the Director of Social Services, for Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Adoption Subsidy. This is entirely federal and state funded, requiring no local match.

**\$77,705 GL Code: 220-05302-200-5705-000
(Aid to Families with Dependent Children)**

**\$40,000 GL Code: 220-05302-200-5721-000
(Adoption Subsidy)**

Approved a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$75,000, as requested by the Sheriff, for 2 used

vehicles and operating expenses for the Gang Task Force. The expenses will be provided from the Contingency Fund, a portion of which will be replaced by the grant funds which will be received after fiscal year end.

\$24,000 GL Code: 001-03107-000-1100-000 (Salaries & Wages)
1,836 GL Code: 001-03107-000-2100-000 (FICA/Medicare)
3,000 GL Code: 001-03107-000-2201-000 (Retirement/VRS)
3,807 GL Code: 001-03107-000-2300-000 (Health Insurance)
357 GL Code: 001-03107-000-2703-000 (Workers Comp Insurance)
1,000 GL Code: 001-03107-000-6014-000 (Other Operating Supplies)

3,000 GL Code: 001-03107-000-6065-000 (Minor Equipment)
8,000 GL Code: 001-03107-000-8003-000 (Communications
Equipment)
30,000 GL Code: 001-03107-000-8005-000 (Vehicles)

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RECESS.

At 6:45 p.m., Chairman Cuevas recessed the regular meeting for a meeting of the Countryside Sanitary District.

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ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Cuevas called the meeting back to order at 6:57 p.m., and by unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

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Chairman